

LINE ITEM APPROVAL PROCESSING IN AN ELECTRONIC PURCHASING SYSTEM AND METHOD

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 In an electronic purchasing system, a line item approval processing
method and system. The line item approval system includes logic for approving
a purchase requisition having a plurality of itemized goods and service and
requiring approval by a plurality of authorized approvers on a line item by line
item basis. In one embodiment of the present invention, an approval matrix
10 defining identified authorized approver and conditions under which the
authorized approvers must approve specified line items in a particular purchase
requisition is generated by the line item approval system to enable approvers of
the purchase requisition to monitor the status of the particular purchase
requisition. The line item approval system allows a purchase order to be
15 generated corresponding to a purchase requisition based on a partial approval of
line items specified in a purchase requisition while some items are not approved.